



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):) Re: Information Disclosure
Lap-Wai CHOW, et al.) Statement
Serial No.: 09/768,911) Group: 2811
Filed: January 24, 2001) Examiner: David A. Zarneke
For: "INTEGRATED CIRCUITS PROTECTED) Our Ref: B-3962 618027-2
AGAINST REVERSE ENGINEERING AND)
METHOD FOR FABRICATING...") Date: August 9, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the Applicant's duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits. We are enclosing herewith a copy of each document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified).

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The person making this statement is the practitioner who signs below on the basis of information supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)) and on the basis of information in the practitioner's file.

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Respectfully submitted,

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